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Date February 18, 19691. Agency STATEComponent/location EMBASSY PLANSPurpose or principal activity (military planning, foreign aid, briefing, research, etc.) POLITICAL SECTIONYour position (job title) SECOND SECRETARYYour fields of responsibility (geographic area and/or specialty) GERMANY,  
MEDITERRANEAN, INTERNAL POLITICS2. Is the NIS Production Status Report available for your use?  Yes  NoDo you regularly use it?  Yes  No

3. Receipt of NIS units is:

 Regular and systematic Irregular, with some gaps Sporadic and uncertain

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4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

A=Regularly      B=Occasionally      C=Rarely      D=Never

b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

1=Planning and operations	4=General background and orientation
2=Research, analysis, and production	5=Other (specify) _____
3=Briefings	

Col. I	Col. II	Col. I	Col. II
B 2 4 - -	General Survey (check sections used most frequently) ✓ Chronology ✓ Introduction — Geography — Transp. and Telecom. ✓ Sociological ✓ Political — Economic — Scientific — Armed Forces — Area Brief — Summary Map	D - - - -	Telecommunications
B 2 4 - -	Basic Intelligence Factbook	C 2 3 4 - -	Population
D - - - -	Coasts and Landing Beaches	B 3 4 - -	Characteristics of the People
D - - - -	Weather and Climate	C 3 - - -	Religion, Education, and Public Information
D - - - -	Meteorological Organization and Facilities	C 3 - - -	Manpower
D - - - -	Topography	D - - - -	Health and Sanitation
D - - - -	Urban Areas	C 2 3 4 - -	Intelligence and Security
D - - - -	Railroads	C 2 3 4 - -	Subversion and Insurgency
D - - - -	Highways	D - - - -	Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry
D - - - -	Inland Waterways	D - - - -	Fuels
D - - - -	Ports and Naval Facilities	D - - - -	Electric Power
D - - - -	Merchant Marine	D - - - -	Minerals and Metals
D - - - -	Civil Air	D - - - -	Manufacturing and Construction
		D - - - -	Trade and Finance
		D - - - -	Armed Forces
		D - - - -	Marine Climate
		D - - - -	Oceanography

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5. In general, do you consider yourself:

- a. Regular user of NIS publications  
 b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness:  
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- Principal source of information  
 Secondary source  
 1 Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available  
 2 Supplies corroborative information  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for  
only infrequent use:  
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

- Not readily available  
 2 Not sufficiently current  
 Too summarized and generalized  
 1 Too detailed  
 Only marginally related to my needs  
 Needs filled by other publications (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency planning?

Yes     No    Why? \_\_\_\_\_

If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

Excellent     Good     Adequate     Marginal

9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major shortcomings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.)
- Most NIS material is too detailed and specific for day-to-day use in the Political Section. It also becomes dated very quickly on subjects of current political interest. However, the availability of the NIS is extremely useful when information is needed in a hurry or when one wants a handy introduction to the history and problems of some aspect of French life. Similarly, having the NIS material on other countries, particularly the Soviet Bloc, has been of real help from time to time.

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10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units?
- No problems here. Coverage, organization and format are well-designed for the purpose of the NIS.

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Signature (optional)